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## MATTHEW MERRICK

Matthew Merrick passed away at his home in Leavenworth, Washington, Sunday, June 20, at the advanced age of 88 years. He will be remembered here by a large number of Groton people, for it was but three years since he left Groton, removing with the E. L. McDonald family to the residence given above at that time. He was born in Indiana where he lived until along in the 60s, coming west to Minnesota then and settling in Olmstead county where he was among the pioneer residents. He came to South Dakota in 1886, and except for a few years spent on the coast, he was a continuous resident here until he went west. His eyesight had been failing for 10 or 12 years prior to his passing away and at the time of his demise he was totally blind. About two years ago he had suffered a fractured limb as the result of a fall from which he had never entirely recovered. These hardships had however, never been allowed to affect his optimistic disposition and he remained cheerful to the last. Mr. Merrick was of a sterling type. He had served as county commissioner in Minnesota during his residence there and he was a man in whom neighbors placed absolute faith. Those who became his friends here will learn of his taking away with the greatest regret.